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WITH AN

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ON THE

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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

THE growing opinion in favor of increased attention to the study of Natural Science, as a branch of liberal education, on account of its disciplinary value, as well as the practical character of the knowledge acquired, led to a modification of the curriculum of study required for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in this institution, in so far as to allow of the election of more extensive and practical study of Natural Science in lieu of the Latin and Greek of the Junior and Senior years. The expectation is not in this way to turn out Bachelors of Arts as chemists, etc., but simply to make this branch of a liberal education as thorough as the times seem to demand, and to afford a foundation, if desired, for subsequent scientific pursuits.

In adapting a course of chemical analysis to this purpose the accompanying tables seemed peculiarly suited. Whilst compact, they are sufficiently explicit, and the summary view of the general course of qualitative analysis, and of the classification of compounds according to the properties relied upon for their detection, affords a thread, as it were, around which chemical facts may crystallize as they accumulate.

For details of properties, etc., in addition to instruction in the laboratory, the student is constantly referred to some one of the manuals of analytical chemistry placed in the laboratory for this purpose.

Whilst these tables seem thus well adapted to a course of college studies, their general popularity, as well as scientific character, is indicated by their extensive adoption in the German universities, and their indorsement by many of the most eminent chemists in this country, and their introduction, in part at least, into many laboratory handbooks.

This second American edition, prepared from the ninth German edition, contains, besides the marks of careful revision, two new tables by the author embodying Bunsen's valuable flame reactions,

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and whilst nothing in the original has been omitted or changed, new matter has been freely added by the editor, generally placed in []. Thus other methods for the separation of the alkaline earths are given, and an additional table (XIV), which may replace parts of Tables VI and VIII with the advantage of greater simplicity and directness. The note in regard to the detection of titanic acid is inserted on account of its frequent occurrence in iron ores. The chapter on the "Course of Analysis," from the original, is added with the hope that it may relieve any inconvenience in directing the use of the tables.

In adopting a new nomenclature for a book of this character, compactness, completeness, and general intelligibility have been mainly considered.

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1. Preliminary Examination and Solution of Solids.*-In the qualitative examination of a solid, its general nature must first of all be ascertained. This is accomplished by an examination in the dry way, which always necessarily precedes the qualitative analysis proper, in the wet way, and which includes with the careful observation of its physical characteristics (form, color, lustre, hardness, specific gravity, etc.) that of its deportment at high temperatures, either alone, with access of air, in the flame, or in the presence of other compounds, which may effect its decomposition or solution. The preliminary examination is conducted according to Tables I to IV, and serves not only to determine the general chemical nature of the body, and the quality of the metals and metallic oxides, but may also indicate the quality of some metalloids. Table XI serves exclusively for the preliminary examination for acids, and especially for volatile acids, or such as afford volatile products of decomposition with concentrated sulphuric acid.

No elucidation of these tabular statements is necessary for their application, as they explain themselves, and continued practical employment of them will impart the necessary degree of certainty to conclusions obtained by them. After the determination of the class of compounds, to which the substance under examination belongs, by the preliminary examination in the dry way, the conversion of it into the liquid form, alone suitable for analysis in the humid way, must be considered. In many cases this operation must be preceded by the preparation of the substance, by giving it the form best adapted to solution. If its nature permits, it must be *finely pulverized*, and sometimes also *elutriated*. This is especially indispensable with minerals, especially with silicates, as well as with all other compounds that are difficultly soluble, insoluble, or decomposable with difficulty.

* Substances placed in [] in the tables are of rare occurrence.

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It must then first be ascertained whether the substance is *wholly* or partially soluble, or totally insoluble in water. If partially soluble the filtrate from the undissolved portion will leave a clearly perceptible residue, when evaporated on clean platinum foil or in a capsule, whilst if totally insoluble no such residue will be left. The reaction of the aqueous solution, whether it be neutral, acid, or alkaline, must also be determined by test-paper. If the substance dissolves only partially in water, the constituents of the dissolved and undissolved portions must be ascertained separately. If it is insoluble in water the effect of *dilute* and concentrated chlorhydric acid must be tried whilst note is taken of any evolution of gas in the operation; carbonates develop CO_a with effervescence; superoxides or *chromates*, chlorine gas; cyanides, prussic acid; many sulphides H_oS; sulphites and hyposulphites SO_{a} , the latter with the separation of sulphur; some reguline metals (Zn, Fe, Sn, etc.) develop hydrogen gas with HCl, or in presence of arsenic, arsenetted hydrogen; in presence of antimony, antimonetted hydrogen. If solution in HCl is only partial, as a rule a separation of one or more constituents is effected by it, and the insoluble residue must be separated from the liquid, and dissolved by further treatment (Table V). A substance (or the residue) insoluble in HCl, must be treated with nitric acid or aqua regia. Many sulphides, with nitric acid, yield sulphur, which by sufficiently prolonged action collects as yellow globules, or disappears entirely, when newly formed sulphuric acid is always detected, unless the metallic oxide produced forms a compound with it insoluble in the acid. Thus plumbic sulphide (galena) affords plumbic sulphate with nitric acid; sulphides of tin and antimony are converted into white oxides; whilst mercuric sulphide is entirely unaffected by nitric acid, but dissolves very readily in aqua regia.

The reguline metals are almost all soluble in nitric acid, and such a metal unaffected by HNO_3 must contain Au, Pt, Ir, or the rarer metals in platinum ores. Gold and platinum are soluble in aqua regia; palladium also in HNO_3 ; tin and antimony are converted by HNO_3 into white oxides (insoluble in excess of the acid), and are readily dissolved in aqua regia, (or in HCl with $KClO_3$), if excess of HNO_3 is avoided.

A substance insoluble in and undecomposable by any of the acids mentioned, even by prolonged digestion at a moderate temperature, will be found in Table V, and must be rendered soluble (by fluxing), according to that table, after its general chemical

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nature has been ascertained by a preliminary examination in the dry way (according to Tables I to IV).

II. Qualitative Examination of the Substances in Solution.— In a qualitative examination of a *liquid* (not a solution prepared by the investigator), it is necessary first to ascertain—

1. Whether volatile or non-volatile ingredients are present, by evaporating a portion of the liquid on platinum foil, or in a capsule. If a fixed residuum remain it must be subjected to the processes for the preliminary examination of solids, except of course such as relate only to solution.

2. Whether its reaction with test-paper is *neutral*, *acid*, or *alkaline*.

These tests should never be omitted, since, with care, the presence or absence of whole groups of substances can be inferred from the results. Thus it is plain that no fixed substance need be sought for in a solution which leaves no residuum upon careful evaporation, (that is, not produced by violent ebuilition). A neutral liquid as a rule can only contain salts of the alkalies or alkaline earths, since the salts of nearly all other metallic oxides have an *acid* reaction. The presence of free alkali, (especially in the absence of non-volatile organic compounds), excludes all oxides insoluble in alkaline liquids, and if the alkaline reaction is due to an alkaline carbonate no alkaline earth can be present. (Among the exceptions to this rule are Fe₂O₃, CuO, etc., in presence of non-volatile organic matter, as well as oxides, cyanides, sulphides, etc., soluble in potassic cyanide and alkaline sulphides.) The presence of certain metals also indicates the absence of certain acids, and vice versa; thus Ag need not be sought for in a reguline metal completely soluble in HCl, nor Au, Sn, or Sb, etc., in one soluble in HNO_a.

A portion of the solution of a solid, produced in any way, is employed for the detection of the *metals*, and another portion for the detection of the *acid*.

A. Detection of the Metals.

Table VI sets forth in a compact form the reactions of the metals with general reagents, and therefore serves as the chief guide to their detection. Whilst the course prescribed by it is easily understood with a little reflection, it is, however, absolutely necessary that the following rules be kept in view in the qualitative examination of complex compounds.

1. The Precipitation by each of the General Reagents employed



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must be complete. The precipitant is therefore added gradually as long as a precipitate is produced by it, or with H_2S , until the liquid smells strongly of it even after shaking. The separation of the insoluble compound formed is promoted, in almost all cases, by gently warming the liquid. Some metallic oxides (As₂O₅, MoO₃, oxides of Pt, Ir, and Rh) are but slowly precipitated by H_2S , often only after warming the liquid, supersaturated with it, from twelve to twenty-four hours. (As₂O₅ much more rapidly however if heated to 60°-70° C.)

2. The precipitates which characterize the several groups must be completely freed from the members of the remaining groups, still in solution, by washing with water. This is accomplished, according to circumstances, either upon a filter, or also in a testtube by allowing the precipitate to subside and pouring off the clear liquid, and repeating the operation a number of times with fresh water. By carefully evaporating on platinum foil a portion of the filtrate from the precipitate of any group, not too small, the presence of members of the remaining groups may at once be ascertained. When easily oxidizable sulphides insoluble in dilute acids are present, some H_2S solution is added to the wash water, or in case of ferric and manganic sulphides a few drops of ammonic sulphide, to prevent oxidation when the washing is prolonged.

By inattention to the two preceding conditions (complete precipitation and thorough washing), it is evident the members of the various groups may remain partially mixed with each other, and reactions may be obtained in the subsequent analytical operations which are not noticed in these tables, and which are inexplicable to the inexperienced.

3. The mineral acid employed for acidulation of the liquid (if it is not already sufficiently acid) is either HCl, or HNO_3 , either dilute or concentrated, but not in such a quantity as to prevent the formation of insoluble sulphides. The first is usually preferred, when the possible precipitation of AgCl, HgCl, $PbCl_2$, etc., as indicated in Table VI, must be considered.

4. If, in following the systematic course of qualitative analysis, the presence of one or more members of the different groups is recognized and proved by the reagents suggested in the tables, the analyst (especially the beginner) must make a series of confirmatory experiments with the original substance, or its separate constituents, which may control the results already obtained. Such experiments should never be omitted by the beginner, since

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it is the principal aim of analytical exercises not only to become acquainted with the simple coures of analysis, but to become familiar with the deportment of a body in all its relations. Only by following this important rule will the less experienced be protected from errors and deceptions. For these continually arise from ignorance of the deportment of bodies, or the non-observance of the conditions upon which the result of an experiment—the appearance of the phenomenon which we regard as the proof of the presence of a substance—rests.*

The metals are further distinguished and separated according to Tables VII to X. [Or the course may be much simplified without sacrifice of accuracy, by proceeding according to Table XIV with the *filtrate* from the H_2S precipitate of Table VI, instead of treating it according to the method of that table.] C. F.H.

B. Detection of Acids or Representatives of them.

The qualitative analysis of acids is quite as simple as that of metals. In almost all cases the preliminary examination according to Tables I and XI, in connection with the quality of the metals previously detected, indicates in what class of acids, specially, tests are to be made. The knowledge of the deportment of a salt toward solvents, and the reaction of its aqueous solution with test-paper are especially important for this inference. By igniting the substance alone, as well as by heating it with concentrated sulphuric acid (according to Table XI), the presence of organic as well as volatile inorganic acids is ascertained. If there is reason to suspect the presence of several acids, or their salts, the circumstances must be considered, in the preliminary testing, which may possibly occasion deception, since changes may occur, or phenomena present themselves upon ignition or treatment with sulphuric acid different from those afforded by the several acids alone. Thus salts of organic acids, when mixed with nitrates or chlorates, decompose upon ignition without blackening, but generally with deflagration, and if sufficient organic matter is present no nitrate can then be detected after ignition, but only a carbonate, if the base is an alkali or alkaline earth. A mixture

* [The translation of the chapters of Prof. Wills' Outlines, which treat of the general deportment of bodies, has not been thought necessary, since the number of text-books, more or less complete, of that description with which these tables may be used, is perhaps sufficient, and it is also advisable for some reasons to refer the student to several of these, always kept accessible in the laboratory, rather than to confine his attention to one.] C. F. H.



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of a nitrate with a chloride develops, on treatment with concentrated sulphuric acid, neither pure chlorhydric nor nitric acid, but chlorine and red nitrous vapors; in a mixture of a sulphite with a nitrate (chromate, chlorate, etc.) the sulphurous is converted into sulphuric acid; and sulphur is separated from most sulphides.

That the presence of volatile organic acids in an uncombined condition may not be overlooked, the acid solution is neutralized with sodic carbonate, evaporated and ignited, when organic acids will decompose with blackening, whilst they might otherwise be volatilized undecomposed.

For the detection of the more important acids in the wet way, in substances in solution, the course in Tables XII and XIII is followed. The use of *general* reagents for acids in most cases is only intended to determine the presence or absence of the members of a whole group of acids. The examination for the separate acids of these groups requires in addition the employment of the special tests of the tables.

If the examination for acids must take place in neutral liquids, acid solutions are neutralized with ammonia, alkaline ones with HNO₃, or also with HCl if AgNO₃ is not to be used as a precipitant. If the compound was not originally soluble in water, but was soluble in acids without visible decomposition, and the base is an alkaline earth or an earth, then the acid solution (as in case of phosphates or oxalates of the alkaline earths) cannot be tested in a neutral condition by CaCl, since, on neutralization with ammonia, the whole salt would be precipitated. In such cases (to which besides attention is directed in the precipitate of metallic oxides by $H_{1}(NH_{4})S$, the test for the acids is made in acetic acid solutions, (with CaCl, for oxalic acid, and Fe,Cl, for phosphoric acid), or the base is first removed in the proper way, (alkaline earths by H_2SO_4 , heavy metals by H_2S or $H_2(NH_4)S$). From the salts of organic acids, insoluble in water, the acids are removed by boiling with sodic carbonate, and the neutralized filtrate is tested with HCl. If a liquid, which contains H_oS, or a soluble sulphide, is to be tested for such acids as are precipitated from acid solutions by AgNO, but not by ferric salts (HCl,HBr,HI), the sulphur is removed by addition of ferric sulphate, and the filtrate acidified with HNO₃ is tested for these acids. Compounds insoluble in water and acids are decomposed according to Tables V and XII to be tested for acids.



TABLE I.

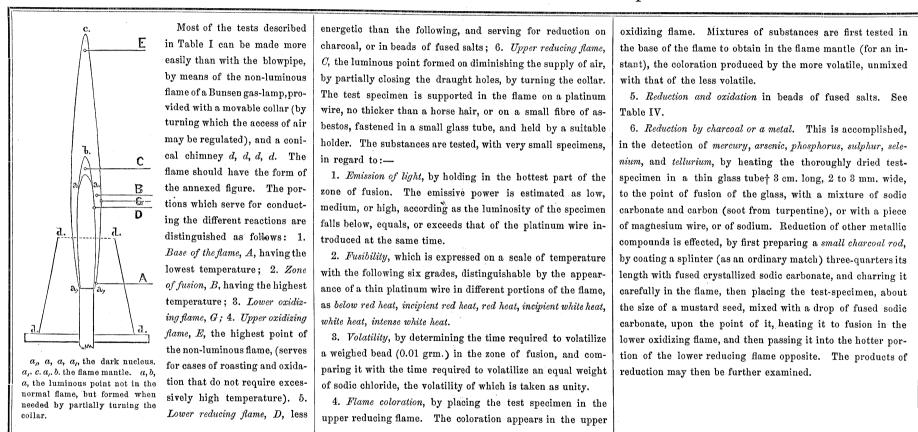
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

I. Behavior of Inorganic Substances and their Compounds in the Preliminary Experiments.

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1. Easily volatilized when heated upon charcoal, (or upon platinum foil, or in a dry test-tube) :	Compounds of ammoniants the air; all organic compounds	a and merc ounds are de	cury, and several c composed when he	f arsenic ated, most	e, [and tha of them w	llium], su ith the sepa	l phur and its aci ration of carbon (ds, water, etc. blackening).	Carbon	burns by ignition in
2. Fusible without volatilizing, and without changing color :—	Most of the salts of the Some silicates, as Zeolites lead, thallium, cadmium, tell metals at the same time give	s. Borates a Surium, bismu	nd alum swell up. th, zinc, indium, an	Common s d <i>tin</i> , fuse	alt and oth easily bef	er salts, also	many minerals a	lecronitate Of t	ha magulin	a matala antimonu
3. Deflagrate when heated upon charcoal :—	Nitrates, chlorates, p	perchlorate	s, iodates, bron	n ates , etc	•					
4. Infusible, or difficultly fusible, without changing color :—	The earths and their sal reaction. Silica , and ma rhodium are infusible befor	ny of its com	mpounds. Of the	their salts reguline :	. When he metals, iro	ated they gl on, nickel, c	low with white lig obalt, molybdenu	cht. After ignit m, tungsten, pla	ion the ear tinum, iric	ths show no alkaline lium, palladium, and
5. Assume a darker color when heated :—	Many metallic oxides antimonic acid, yellow;	and their sa plumbic o	lts, as: zinc oxid xide, bismuthou	le, yellow Is oxide,	(glows with chromat	ı yellowish-ş es, mercuı	green light); star tic oxide, etc., b	nic oxide, tit prown.	anic acid	, niobic acid, and
	YELLOW *	VIOLET			ORANGE.	Yello	WISH-GREEN.	GREEN.		BLUE.
6. Color the flame of a Bunsen gas-lamp, or the point of the blue flame of the blowpipe (upon plati-	Soda, or a mixture of salts of the alkalies.	Potassa, Rubidia, Cæsia.	Lithi Stror	tia.*	Lime.*	Mo	yta,* lybdic Acid.	Cupric oxide,** Phosphoric Acid, Boracic Acid,† Tellurous Acid.	 †	Arsenic, Antimony, Lead, Selenium,
num wire, or in case of metallic compounds upon charcoal) :—	* The colored flames are disti- tainty by prismatic analysis.	nguished with	most cer- * Esp ** Esp	cially after ddition of a ecially after	mdistening rgentic chlor the addition	with chlorhyd ride, transitory 1 of some argei	ric acid, or the r. atic chloride.	Compounds of Th † In the salts after		Cupric Chloride,** Indium. with sulphuric acid.
	BLUE GLASS.	BLUE I	NFUSIBLE MASS.		GREEN M	AASS.	FLESH-RED M	ASS. BROWN OR	BRICK-REI	MASS. GRAY MASS.
7. Give, when moistened with a solution of cobalt, and strongly heated upon charcoal :	Borates, of the Alkalies.	Phosphates of	many of its compound the Earths, ad some Silicates of t	he Stanni	o Acia,) o oxide, Bl onic Acid, {	lowish-green. uish-green. Muddy-green.	Magnesia, Tantalio Aci		Baryta.	Glucina, Lime, Strontia.
8. Give, when ignited with sodic carbonate, (or sodic carbonate and potassic cyanide), in the reducing flame, upon charcoal :—	Most of the Com- All compour pounds of Arsenic. (selenium	n, tellurium) exception. ackens silver, uretted (sele-		spangles. te.	Gray infu	sible powder Non-magnetic Molybdenum Tungsten,	Metal brittle. Antimony, . I. white, volatil	Metal mal Lead, e. I. yellow. Thallium.	leable. Zi	CRUSTATION WITHOUT METALLIC GRAINS. no, white, not volatile in the outer flame. Idmium, reddish-brown. Illurium, white.
	Odorous Gases.		METALLIC COAT	ING.	WHITE CO	ATING.	FUSED SUB	LIMATE.	DR	OPS OF WATER.
9. Give, when heated in a glass tube open at both ends, and held obliquely :—	Metallic Sulphides,—of burning "Selenides,—of decaying "Arsenides,—of garlic. Some ammoniacal compounds,—o Metallic fluorides (upon addition phorus salt).	; radishes. of ammonia.	Some Arsenides, Some compounds of M (especially with so bonate).	lercury A dic car- T E	rsenides, cry ntimonides, ellurides, lumbic sulph Some salts of	fusible. 1ide,	Higher sulphides, by Selenides and selen (Also sulphide of an	nium, dark red.	All hydra bulb tu	ttes (more distinct in a be).
10. In contact with zinc and	VIOLET OR LILAC.	Br	ue. I	LUE, THE	GREEN, AL	ND DARK BR	OWN. BLUE	, THEN MUDDY O	R BROWN	GREEN.
chlorhydric (or sulphuric) acid color the fluid :	Titanic Acid.	Tungstic and	Canadia Asida	<u> </u>	Molybdic A			antalic and Niobic		Chromic Acid.



II. Flame Reactions* with the Bunsen Gas-lamp.



[* See Bunsen's Flame Reactions, translated by the editor of these Tables, for fuller explanation and more complete list of special reactions.

+ Forty of these may be made by drawing out an ordinary sized test-tube and cutting it with a diamond into lengths double the size of the tubes, and dividing these over the lamp and rounding the closed ends. C. F. H.





TABLE III.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

III. Flame Reactions. (Incrustations.)

The incrustations, if collected on porcelain or glass, afford with further tests decidedly characteristic reactions. 1. Metallic incrustations, obtained by heating a very small particle of the substance on an asbestos fibre in the upper reducing fame (not too large, and perfectly free from smoke), and at the same time holding a glazed porcelain capsule, 0.1 metre in diameter, filled with water, immediately above it, on which any volatile metals present will be deposited, as a dark incrustation, surrounded by a thinner coating [often of a different tint]. On touching these with a drop of dilute nitric acid (containing 20 per cent. anhydride), on a glass rod, they are, Instantly dissolved,

Slowly and with difficulty attacked.

Or unaffected.

Lead, cadmium, zinc, indium.

Bismuth, mercury, thallium.

Tellurium, selenium, arsenic, antimony.

2. Oxide incrustation, formed by holding the porcelain capsule, in the preceding experiment, at some distance from the test-specimen, in the upper oxidizing flame.* It is tested : (a) by touching the protecting experiment, at some distance from the bases periment, in the upper oxidizing name. It is tested: (a) by touching it with drops of argentic nitrate solution, and blowing ammonia upon it.⁺ 3. **Iodide incrustation**, formed by placing the oxide incrustation on the capsule [when cold], over a wide-mouthed vessel containing fuming HI (deliquesced phosphoric triiddide), and *fterward* gently warming it. It is tested by the moist breath (solubility), and by ammonia blown upon it.⁺ 4. **Sulphide incrustation**, obtained from the last by blowing ammonic sulphide upon it.⁺ and then gently warming the capsule; characterized by its insolubility in water, & color, and deportment with ammonic sulphide (blown or dropped on it).

Volatile Elements Separable by Reduction as Incrustations.

	Metallic Incrustation and Coating.	Oxide Incrustation and Coating.	Oxide Incrusta- tion with SnCl ₂ ,	Oxide Incrusta- tion with SnCl ₂ and NaHO.	Oxide Incrustation with AgNO3 and NH3.	Iodide Incrustation and Coating.	Iodide Incrustation with NH3 (blown upon it).	Sulphide Incrustation and Coating.	Sulphide Incrustation with H(NH4)S.
Tellurium,	Black; with brown coating.	White.	Black.	Black.	White, tinged yel- lowish.	Brown; breathed upon dis- appears transitorily.	Disappears perma- nently.	Black to blackish- brown.	Disappears transi- torily.
Selenium,	Cherry-red; with brick-red coating.	White.	Brick-red.	Black.	White.	Brown; breathed upon does not wholly disappear.	Does not disap- pear.	Yellow to orange.	Orange, then disappears transitorily.
Antimony,	Black; with brown coating.	White.	White.	White.	Black ; insoluble in NH ₃ .	Orange; breathed upon dis- appears transitorily.	Disappears perma- nently.	Orange.	Disappears transi- torily.
Arsenic,	Black ; with brown coating.	White.	White.	White.	Lemon-yellow or brownish-red; soluble in NH ₃ .	Egg-yellow; breathed upon disappears transitorily.	Disappears perma- nently.	Lemon-yellow.	Disappears transi- torily.
Bismuth,	Black; with soot- brown coating.	Yellowish-white.	White.	Black.	White.	Bluish-brown; with light red coating; breathed upon disappears transitorily.	Aurora-red to egg- yellow ; chestnut brown when dry.	Umber-brown ; with coffee- brown coating.	Does not disap- pear.
Mercury,	Gray, incoherent coating.					Carmine and lemon-yellow; breathed upon does not disappear.	Disappears transi- torily.	Black.	Does not disap- pear.
Thallium,	Black ; with brown coating.	White.	White.	White.	White.	Lemon-yellow; breathed upon does not disappear.	Does not disap- pear.	Black; with bluish- gray coating.	Does not disap- pear.
Lead,	Black ; with brown coating.	Light ochre yel- low.	White.	White.	White.	Egg-yellow to lemon-yellow; breathed upon does not disappear.	Disappears transi- torily.	Through brownish- red to black.	Does not disap- pear.
Cadmium,	Black ; with brown coating.	Brownish-black ; with white coating.	White.	White.	Coating becomes blue-black.	White.	White.	Lemon-yellow.	Does not disap- pear.
Zinc,	Black ; with brown coating.	White.	White.	White.	White.	White.	White.	White.	Does not disap- pear.
Indium,	Black : with brown coating.	Yellowish-white.	White.	White.	White.	Yellowish-white.	Yellowish-white.	White.	Does not disap- pear.

By blowing through ammonia water in a small wash bottle, with exit tube just below the cork. It may also be treated with drops of ammonia.

t By an apparatus similar to that for ammonia, See †. § Generally insoluble in the breath, but possessing different degrees of solubility in drops of water._ C. F. H.



TABLE IV. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

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IV. Behavior of Metallic Oxides before the Blowpipe with Sodic ammonic hydric Phosphate (Phosphorus Salt), and Borax.

The bead (formed on a loop of platinum wire, or, in experiments with the reducing flame, also upon charcoal) is gradually saturated with the finely-powdered substance. In using the nonluminous gas-flame, the bead fused on a platinum wire as thick as a horse-hair, is introduced by means of a holder into the *lower reducing*, or into the *lower oxidizing flame*. (Compare Table II.) The colors of the beads frequently differ, according to their temperature, and to the quantity of the dissolved oxide. (The following abbreviations are—h. hot, c. cold, h. c. hot and cold, f. s. feebly saturated, s. s. strongly saturated.)

COLOR OF THE	With Phosp	phorus Salt.	With Borax.						
BEADS.	In the Oxidizing Flame.	In the Reducing Flame.*	In the Oxidizing Flame.	In the Reducing Flame.					
Colorless :—	Silica gives skeleton of silica. Alumina, stannic oxide.—h. c. all alkaline earths, and earths (s. s. not clear). Tantalic, niobic, titanic, tungstic acids, zincic, cad- mic, plumbic, bismuthous, antimonious oxides (f. s.); s. s. yellowish.	Silica gives skeleton of silica. Alumina. All alkaline earths and earths (s. s. not clear), ceric, didymic, manganic, and stannic oxide.	h. c. Silica, alumina, stannic oxide. h. c. (s. s. not clear); all alkaline earths and earths, argentic oxide, tantalic, niobic, and tellurous acid.—f. s. Titanic, tungstic, and molybdic acid, zincic, cadmic, plumbic, bismuthous, and antimonious oxide.	and earths, lanthanic oxide, ceric oxide,					
YELLOW: (to brown).	h. (f. s.) Ferric oxide, ceric oxide.—h. Vanadic acid, uranic oxide, argentic oxide. —c. Nickelous oxide.	h. Ferric oxide (Fellow to red), titanic acid.	h. Ferric oxide, uranic oxide (f. s.). h. Vanadic acid. h. Plumbic, bismuthous, and antimonious oxide (s. s.).	h. Tungstic acid. (h. Titanic, vanadic, and molybdic acid yellow to brown.)					
Red :	h. (s. s.) Ferric oxide, ceric oxide. h. Nickelous oxide, chromic oxide.	h. Ferric oxide. c. Titanic and tungstic acid, containing iron (blood-red).	h. Ceric, and ferric oxide. c. Nickelous oxide (reddish-brown).	c. Cupric oxide (opaque s. s.).					
VIOLET: (Amethyst).	h. c. Manganic oxide, didymic oxide.	c. Titanic acid, niobic acid (s. s.)	h. c. Manganic, and didymic oxide. Nickelous oxide containing cobalt.						
Blue:	h. c. Cobaltous oxide. c. Cupric oxide.	h. c. Cobaltous oxide. c. Tungstic acid, niobic acid (s. s.)	h. c. Cobaltous oxide. c. Cupric oxide.	h. c. Cobaltous oxide.					
Green :	h. Cupric oxide, molybdic acid. c. Chromic oxide, uranic oxide. h. Ferric oxide containing cobalt or copper.	c. Chromic oxide, uranic oxide, vanadic acid, molybdic acid.	c. Chromic oxide, vanadic acid. h. Cup- ric oxide, ferric oxide, containing cobalt or copper.	h. c. Ferric, uranic, and chromic oxide, c. Vanadic acid.					
Gray:— (dull).		c. Argentic, zincic, cadmic, plumbic, bismuthous, and antimonious oxide, tel- lurous acid, nickelous oxide.		As with phosphorus salt. Also <i>niobic acid</i> (s. s.).					
* Reduction generally takes place more easily with phosphorus salt. In case of ferric oxide, titanic, and tungstic acid, the reduction is hastened by the addition of a very small quantity of tin to the test specimen (upon charcoal).									

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TABLE V.

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V. Conversion of Insoluble Compounds into Soluble.

If a finely pulverized compound, after being successively treated with water, dilute and concentrated chlorhydric acid, nitric acid, and aqua regia, remains undissolved, or is not decomposed or attacked by the acids in such a way as to afford decisive conclusions as to the nature of the insoluble compound, then the latter must be made soluble by fluxing, in order that its constituents may be determined in the humid way. The mode of fluxing in many cases depends upon the result of the preliminary examination; the latter should therefore be conducted with great care. If no decisive indication for the treatment of the insoluble compound according to this table be given, then it is always to be fused in form of fine powder with four parts of mixed sodic and potassic carbonates, and the fused mass treated with water, and the washed residue with chlorhydric acid. Platinum crucibles should never be employed for any substances containing arsenic or any easily reducible metal (antimony, tin, lead, bismuth, etc.).

a. Sulphates. (Baric, strontic, and plumbic Sul- phates.)	b. Silicic Acid and Silicates.	c. Fluorides. (Fluorspar, etc.)	d. Alumina or Aluminates.	e. Chromic Oxide. (Chromic Iron.)
With sodie carbonate upon char- coal they give Hepar. Baric and strontic sulphates are de- composed by fusing with 4 parts of alkaline carbonate. After treatment with water and washing, the solution contains the acid, the residue the base (now soluble in chlorhydric acid). Plumbic sulphate gives a metallic grain with sodie carbonate, is black- ened by ammonic sulphide, and dis- solves in ammonic tartrate with ex- cess of ammonia. Gypsum is some- what soluble in water.	Give with phosphorus salt skeleton of silica. The solution of the decomposable silicates is effected by chlorhydric acid; of the undecomposable by fu- sion with 3-4 parts of alkaline car- bonate (or baric hydrate), treatment with chlorhydric acid, and separating the silicic acid by evaporation with free chlorhydric acid. Or by means of fluohydric acid. The substance must always be very finely powdered.	With concentrated sulphuric acid they give <i>fluohydric acid gas</i> , which etches glass; in presence of silicic acid, silicic fluoride, which gives a precipitate with water. The solution is effected by fusing with 4 parts of alkaline carbonate (completely by addition of silica) and boiling with water. The solu- tion contains the <i>acid</i> , the washed residue the <i>base</i> (now soluble in chlorhydric acid).	or hydric sodic sulphate (or also of carbonate), and treating with water, or chlorhydric acid. [See note, Table	Gives with phosphorus salt and borax green heads in the outer and inner flame. The solution is effected by fusing with hydric potassic sulphate, or a mixture of potassic nitrate (or chlorate), and alkaline carbonate. Chromic iron, very finely pow- dered, requires successive treat- ment by both methods; the mass resulting from the last fusion with alkaline carbonate (and the oxidiz- ing agent) contains the chromium as alkaline chromate, soluble in water. [See also note, Table XIV.]
f. Stannic Oxide, or Anti- monic Acid.	g. Titanic, Tungstic, Tanta- lic, Niobic Acid.	h. Chlorides (Argentic Chlo- ride, Bromide, Iodide). Sul- phides (Molybdic Sulphide, etc.)	i. Reguline metals. (Osmi- ridium, or residue of platinum ores.)	k. Carbon.
With sodic carbonate upon char- coal they give malleable or brittle metallic grains, and are colored by ammonic sulphide. By fusion with 3-4 parts alkaline carbonate they become soluble in acids. They are also soluble in ex- cess of yellow ammonic sulphide. Moistened with chlorhydric acid in contact with zinc, in a platinum capsule, they are reduced to metals.	With phosphorus salt they give a blue, violet, or (those containing iron) blood-red bead, and with zinc and chlorhydric acid a coloration. The solution is effected by fusing with 6 parts of hydric potassic, or hydric sodic sulphate (or also of car- bonate). [See note to Table XIV.]	Argentic chloride, bromide, and iodide give with sodic carbonate a silver granule. The decomposition is ef- fected by means of zinc and dilute sulphuric acid, or by fusing with lime or alkaline carbonate, the metal being separated. <i>Plumbic sulphide</i> gives a metallic granule, and with nitric acid, plumbic sulphate. (See a) <i>Molybdic sulphide</i> gives, with phos- phorus salt, yellowish-green beads, and is changed by roasting into molybdic acid, becoming blue with zinc and chlorhydric acid.	The insoluble mass had metallic lustre or is black, pulverulent, and not changeable by ignition. The solution is effected by igniting the powder, mixed with common salt, in chlorine gas, or by fusing with a mixture of potassic hydrate and potassic chlorate.	The insoluble mass is black (as diamond, also colorless), and dis- appears when subjected to great heat in an open platinum crucible, or before the blowpipe. It deflagrates when fused with potassic nitrate with the formation of potassic carbonate, and when ignited with cupric oxide(in case of graphite in a stream of oxygen), gives carbonic acid.

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TABLE VI. DETECTION OF METALLIC OXIDES.

VI. Deportment of Solutions of Metallic Oxides with Chlorhydric Acid, Sulphydric Acid, Ammonic Sulphide (Ammonia), and Ammonic Carbonate, used successively.

Chlorhydric Acid.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Sulphydric Acid.			Ammonic Sulphide.			Ammonic Carbonate.	
Oxides which are pre- cipitated from a neutral or acid solution by chlor- hydric acid, as chlorides.*		acid from their solu chlorhydric or nitric a		monic sulphide (in the	ld be supersaturated		precipitated by nor by ammon by ammonic ca	ch are neither sulphydric acid, vic sulphide, are arbonate, in the amonic chloride,	
soluble in much water,	Ferric oxide, the fluid is decolor ized, and contains	Soluble in Ammonic Sulphide.	Insoluble in Ammonic Sulphide.	As Sulphides.*	As Oxides: also precipitable by ammonia.	As Salts:* also precipitable by ammonia.	precipitated :*	not precipitated.	
ric acid. Argentic oxide, white, curdy; soluble in ammonia, whence it is precipitable by nitric acid. Mercurous oxide, white, pulverulent; is blackened by ammonia. [Thallious oxide], white, curdy; more com- pletely precipitated by potassic iodide. * In an alkaline solution hydrochloric acid (and also nitric acid) may cause a pre- cipitate when any of the fol- lowing are present:— Silicic acid, Boracic acid, Antimonic acid,	*A precipitation of sulphur may also oc- cur by the presence of free chlorine, bro- mic, or iodicacid, etc., or generally by the presence of any of the easily reducible higher oxides which are not precipitated as sulphides from acid solutions.	Stannous oxide, brown. Stannic oxide, yellow. Auric oxide, Platinic oxide, iridic oxide, [Oxides of Molybde- num],* brown. [Selenious acid], red dish-yellow. [Tellurium acids], black. * The oxides of tungsten and of vanadium are precipitated as sulphides only when their solution, mixed with ammonic sul-	mium], [Oxides of rho- dium], [Ruthenic oxide],*** * The oxide of mercury is precipitated white on yellowish by a little sulphydric acid, black ** Oxide of lead is only completely precipitated by sulphydric acid out o dilute, and not too acid solutions.	Uranic oxide, Manganous oxide, fleich-red. Zincic oxide, white. [Indic oxide],** yel- lowish. [Thallious oxide],** black. * Zincic sulphide is in soluble in acetic acid Cobaltous and nickelous sulphide are with diffi- culty soluble in dilute chlorhydric acid, and fi- aceticacid; nickeloussul	* In presence of phos- phoric acid, also aluminic phosphate. ** Soluble after being fused with potassic hy- drate.	Phosphoric Acid. Magnesia, crystal- line. b. In the presence of Phosphoric or Oxalic Acid. Lime, Strontia, Baryta, as phosphates or oxalates.	* The precipita- tion is only com- plete in the pre- sence of ammonia and upon heating	lutions, upon	

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TABLE VII. DETECTION OF METALLIC OXIDES.

VII. Treatment of the Precipitate formed by Sulphydric Acid in Warm Acid Solution.

A portion of the washed precipitate is digested with ammonic sulphide (with potassic sulphide if copper be present), filtered, if there be a residuum, and to the liquid, dilute sulphuric acid is added. (If the solution be partial, the remaining portion of the precipitate is subjected to the same treatment; if it be complete this is not necessary.) If the precipitate formed by dilute sulphuric acid be not white, milky (of sulphur alone), but *flocculent*, and more or less colored, it (or the original precipitate, if it is entirely soluble in ammonic sulphide) is treated according to A.—The precipitate insoluble in ammonic sulphide is examined according to B.

A. The Portion soluble in Ammonic Sulphide.

	stannic, or antimonious sulphide, or a mixture of them) is gently warmed ammonic carbonate, and the solution filtered.*	The brown or brownish-l may conta	
(a.) Solution contains: Arsenious (a little stannic) sulphide. Add some H_2S solution, supersaturate with chlorhydric acid, and warm; dissolve the separated sulphide in fuming nitric acid, or in chlorhydric acid and (a little) potassic chlo- rate. When arsenic is present, a precipitate is formed in the solution (after it has been supersaturated with ammonia, and filtered from any separated stannic oxide), by a mixture of magnesic sulphate, ammonic chloride, and ammonia. Traces of arsenic are detected by converting into AsH_3 in Marsh's apparatus (arsenic spots disappear in sodic hypochlorite).	 (b.) Residue contains: Antimonious sulphide, stannic sulphide. Dissolve the sulphide in chlorhydric acid and (a little) potassic chlorate, and test the solution for:— Antimony, by bringing several drops in contact with a fragment of zinc on platinum foil (antimony produces a deep black stain); or by formation of SbH₃ (antimony spots do not dissolve in sodie hypochlorite, and are blackened by ammonio-nitrate of silver, after oxidation by dilute nitric acid cautiously evaporated). Tin, by warming the solution with zinc, dissolving the precipitated black metallic powder, washed off of the undissolved zinc, in warm chlorhydric acid, and adding mercuric chloride to the solution. (A white or gray precipitate indicates tin.) 	Cupric sulphide (traces), Platinic sulphide, Iridium sulphides, Auric sulphide, Tellurium sulphides, Molybdenum sulphides, Tungstic sulphides, Vanadium sulphides,	To be detected, if their pre- sence is sus- pected, by the methods of the preliminary examination.
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* By treatment of the sulphides with concentrated chlorhydric acid, with aid of heat, arsenjous sulphide remains undissolved (to be further tested according to (a)), whilst the solution may be tested for antimony and tin (according to (b)). The separation is more complete by digesting the solution of the sulphides in potassic sulphide with excess of sulphurous acid, finally expelling the latter by boiling; the arsenic alone will remain in solution, as an arsenite.

B. The Portion insoluble in Ammonic Sulphide.

The well-washed precipitate is treated by aid of heat, with concentrated nitric acid (free from chlorine). It is either fully dissolved, or there is a residue. If the original fluid (before precipitation by sulphydric acid), was acidulated with chlorhydric acid, then this precipitate can contain no argentic sulphide, and no sulphide of mercury arising from mercurous oxide (though it might from mercuric oxide) and a little plumbic sulphide. Osmium, rhodium, and ruthenium need only be considered in the investigation of platinum ore. a to the design of the second se

Residue may consist of:			Solut	ion may con		entic, bismuthous, cupri lphuric acid is added to it		dious] oxide.
Sulphur.	Mercuric sulphide.	Plumbic sulphate.			Diluic Su			
Yellow or gray, floc-	Black, flocculent				Chlo	orhydric acid is added to i	the filtrate:—	
culent, or balled up, T often inclosing metal-	egia, somewhat eva	tartrate with excess of	phate.	Draginitato		The filtrate is supersatu	rated with ammonia:-	
	orated, is precipitat d by stannous chlo		1	Argentic chlo-	Precipitate.	The	filtrate may contain :-	- ·
ri	ide. ry is found, the orig xide. Chlorhydric a ide M	inal fluid is tested for	ammonic tar- trate with ex- cess of ammo- mia; thence it pr is precipitated ni by potassic chromate.	rate with ex- ess of ammo- ia; thence it precipitated by precipitated y potassic hromate.	Its solution in a little chlorhydric acid acquires a whitish turbidity with water, a black	The <i>blue</i> ammoniacal	precipitated yellow	fluid is precipitated
potassa.	precipitate	ss metallic mercury ; re- y rubbing on clean cop-	For the reco solution, until	the color vani	ic oxide in presence shes; then only ca	do of cupric oxide, potass dmium is precipitated ric acid, in which case	by sulphydric acid.	Or the precipitated



VIII. Treatment of the Precipitate formed by Ammonic Sulphide, or Ammonia, in presence of Ammonic Chloride.

[For a different treatment compare Table XIV., and notes. C. F. H.]

If nickel is present the filtrate, from the ammonic sulphide precipitate, is brown. After being washed, the precipitate is treated upon the filter with warm dilute chlorhydric acid, the resulting solution is heated with (not too much) nitric acid or potassic chlorate, in order to remove the sulphydric acid and to convert any ferrous salt that may be present into a ferric salt. If, upon dissolving the ammonic sulphide precipitate in chlorhydric acid, a black residue remain (CoS or NiS), it is first to be tested before the blowpipe for cobalt, then dissolved in aqua regia, and the solution added to the chlorhydric acid solution. (If but one base is to be sought for, the original fluid may also be employed for testing according to this table. It serves also for determining, when iron is present, whether it appears as ferrous or ferric oxide.)

The Fluid or Filt:	rate may contain:*-	The Precipitate may contain :					
[glu	, alumina, aluminic phosphate, acina]. sa solution for some time.	calcic fluoride; [all rare ear zincic oxide with ferric oxide.	ths insoluble in potassa]. (A *)	baric, strontic, calcic, and magnesic phosp llso alumina and chromic oxide with magn- orhydric acid, add ammonic chloride and a	esia and zincic oxide;		
Precipitate : Chromic oxide. (Also glucina and zincic oxide.) Test by the blowpipe. Separate the filtrate into	Filtrate may contain:	Filtrate may Cobaltous, nickelous, and ma magn Precipitate the fluid, slightly with sulphydric ac	nganous oxide, (zincic oxide, esia.) acidulated with acetic acid,	Precipitate may contain Ferric and uranic oxide; baric, strontic phosphate; calcic oxalate; calcic fluoride (also alumina, chromic and manganic oxid Digest the precipitate with concentrated carbonate.†	, calcic, and magnesic ; [all rare earths;] de).		
To one part, Sulphydric acid. Precipitate : Zincic sulphide. * Chromic and zincic oxide ce	To the other (after super- saturating with chlorhydric acid), Ammonic carbonate.	pipe, or by potassic nitrite; for nickel by mixing the liquid, heated with excess of potassic cyanide, with sodic carbonate and hypochlorite. * The separation of zincic oxid potassa is not complete, on whic	sodic carbonate and nitre upon platinum foil. A bluish-green mass indicates manganese. Or test the original substance with plumbic peroxide and nitric acid.	test the solution in separate portions for: a. Ferric oxide (with potassic ferrocya- nide).	Lanthanic oxide, Didymic oxide, Yttria, Thoria, Zirconia, * When uranic oxide is present, the solution, af-		
ZnOCr ₂ O ₃ insoluble in potassa. cessively precipitated according a solution which contains magn chromic oxide, a part of the r ammonia or ammonic sulphid compound insoluble in potass with NH ₄ Cl, or by dissolving r by NH ₄ O in presence of much oxide, the presence of which in easily recognized by the blowpi from magnesia, zincic and ferri fectly effected by fusion with p heating the precipitate with so of a small quantity of alumina precipitate by ammonic sulphid supersaturated with HCl and t	Chromic and ferric oxides are suc- esta in connection with alumina or nagnesia is always precipitated by with those oxides as a gelatinous a. They are separated by boiling "peatedly in HCl and precipitating NH ₄ Cl; the separation of chromic the residue insoluble in potassa is pe (by the green color of the bead), ic oxide, and alumina is more per- otassic carbonate and nitrate or by lic hypochlorite. For the detection in connection with ferric oxide, the e is boiled with potassa, the filtrate the clear liquid neutralized by am-	incic oxide, as well as from maximized, is more complete, and deteration, by boiling the <i>slightly acid</i> s all the iron being precipitated, if containing manganous oxide, ami posits, when exposed to air, mang easily pass into the ammonia pree † If nickel be present, a flocula after some time in the cold, or which must be tested by the bl	nganous, nickelous, and cobaltous ction of small quantities more cer- olution, after adding sodie acetate; present as ferric oxide. A solution monic chloride, and ammonia, de- anic oxide, so that manganese may upitate. sul, deep black precipitate forms, immediately on genuly warming.	 acetate, then a drop of ferric chloride; or with ammonic molybdate). f. Oxalic acid (calcic oxalate is precipitated white by sodic acetate; the pre- 	double salts. † Digestion with am- monic carbonate is only employed when there is		



IX. Precipitate by Ammonic Carbonate in presence of Ammonic Chloride and Free Ammonia.

Baric, Strontic, Calcic Carbonate, or a mixture of them.

The washed precipitate is dissolved upon the filter in a little chlorhydric acid [or in acetic acid if the Second Method below is to be used], and the solution divided into three portions. If only one base is to be sought the original solution can also be employed for this purpose.

X. Fluid which is Precipitated neither by Sulphydric Acid, Ammonic Sulphide, nor Ammonic Carbonate.

It may contain :---Magnesia, Potassa, Soda, Lithia, Rubidia, Cæsia, Ammonia, or a mixture of these bases.

Evaporate a portion (not too small) of the fluid upon platinum foil; if after ignition there is no residuum, neither magnesia nor alkalies need be considered, but ammonia should be.

Test for Ammonia.	Test for Magnesia.	Test for Potassa, Soda, Lithia, Rubidia, and Cæsia.
solution (not the fluid, X.) with calcie hydrate. The presence of Ammonia is recognized by the odor, as well as by the white cloud which arises when a glass rod moistened with chlor- hydric acid is brought near. Slight traces may be detected by condensing the vapor, developed by calcic hydrate, in a test-tube, and adding to it an alkaline solution of	of the fluid X. (or to the original so- lution if it contain no metallic oxides or alkaline earths). The presence of magnesia is mani- fested by a crystalline precipitate, which forms slowly when only traces of magnesia are present. (If the separation of the alkaline earths by ammonia and ammonic carbonate did not take place at a boiling heat, sodic phosphate will always give a small, flocculent precipitate of a phosphate	ignite gently (to remove the ammonic salts), test the residue before the blowpipe upon platinum wire, or by overflowing with alcohol and igniting. A violet flame indicates presence of potassa [rubidia and cæsia] alone, a crimson of lithia, a yellow of soda, or a mixture of soda with potassa or lithia.* In the latter case, test the residue for potassa [rubidia and cæsia], by tartaric acid, or platinic chloride and alcohol in not too dilute solution; for lithia, by boiling with sodic carbonate and phosphate, whereby a salt forms, soluble with diffi- culty; or by a mixture of anhydrous ether and alcohol, in which lithic chloride dissolves, recognizable by the crimson flame. b. When magnesia is present. Evaporate to dryness, ignite the residue gently, to remove ammonic salts, and warm with water. Add to the solution baryta-water, or milk of lime to alkaline reaction, boil, and filter. Remove the excess of baryta or lime by ammonia and ammonic carbonate (or of baryta by dilute sulphuric acid), and evaporate the filtrate to dryness. If there is a residue, proceed with it as in a. Or test for alkalies by the spectroscope.
mercuric iodide in potassic iodide; ammonia producing a brownish-red precipitate.	of an aikaline earth.)	* Potassa [rubidia, cæsia], soda, and lithia can also be distinguished by the effect of transmission through colored media upon their colored flames. If the substance to be tested (best as a sulphate) is held in the loop of a platinum wire in the outer en- velope of a (pure blue) gas or alcohol flame, if <i>soda</i> be present the whole upper part of the flame will be colored yellow. If a flat glass bottle with parallel sides containing a solution of indigo is now brought between the eye and the flame, the color of the flame will entirely disappear, in case only soda be present; a simple change, however, to violet or red indicates potassa, or lithia. If the flame is then observed through deeply colored cobalt glass, the violet color remains by presence of potassa [rubidia and cæsia]; the last two as well as the alkalies in general are detected with most certainty by means of the spectroscope. [Traces of sodium are most readily detected, and distinguished from potassium, when both are in form of chlorides (free from organic acids and other bases), by placing a drop of the concentrated aqueous solution on a slip of glass, adding a drop of PtCl4, and <i>gently</i> evaporating, when potassic platinic chloride will crystallize in octahedra, and the sodie salt in orange needles, best distinguishable by a magnifier.]
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TABLE XI. DETECTION OF ACIDS. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

XI. Behavior of the more important Acids, or of the Halogens, upon Heating their Compounds with Concentrated Sulphuric Acid.

A quantity of the dry compound, about as much as will lie upon the point of a small knife, is placed in a test-tube and 3-4 times its volume of concentrated sulphuric acid poured upon it, then heated, but not to the boiling point of sulphuric acid. With all volatile acids, or those which suffer decomposition by sulphuric acid at a high temperature, the evolution of vapor or gas may be observed, from the properties of which, in most cases, the nature of the acid or of the halogen may be inferred.*

Non-Volatile Acids.	Acid	s Volatile, or Decomposable v	vith Evolution of Volatile Pro	oducts.
Non-Volatile Acids. No gas or vapor is evolved. The compound does not blacken by ignition. Silicic Acid, recognizable by means of phosphorus salt before the blowpipe. Boracic Acid, after addition of sulphuric acid, it colors the alcohol flame green.	A colored gas is evolved. The compound does not blacken by ignition. Iodohydric Acid, the violet vapor colors starch blue. Bromhydric Acid, the brown vapor colors starch a fiery yellow.	The compound does not blacken by ignition. Carbonic Acid, odorless, ren- ders lime-water turbid. Cyanic Acid, excites tears, and renders lime-water turbid. Sulphurous Acid, recognizable	The vapors or gases evolved are colorless The vapors or gases evolved are colorless The compound is dec. Mostly without separation of carbon. Oxalic Acid, develops carbonic acid and carbonic oxide; the lime salt is insoluble in acetic acid. Formic Acid, evolves only com- bustible carbonic oxide gas.	s
ing, but the compound gives with sodic carbonate upon charcoal arsenical odor. Sulphuric Acid, the compound gives hepar when heated with sodic carbonate upon charcoal. Selenic Acid, like the preced- ing. The baryta salt is decomposed by boiling with concentrated chlor- hydric acid. Tungstic Acid, recognizable by	 ceding; the salt deflagrates upon charcoal. Chloric Acid, the greenish-yellow gas readily explodes; the compound deflagrates upon charcoal. Hypochlorous Acid, yellowish-green chlorine gas, like the preceding discoloring solution of indigo. Nitrous Acid, red fumes; even with dilute sulphuric or nitric acid. Nitric Acid, nearly colorless acid fumes, which are <i>red</i> if chlorine be present; deeper red if ferrous sulphate or organic substances be added. 	by its odor; colors dissolved potas- sic chromate green. Sulphydric Acid, recognizable by its odor; colors lead-paper brown. Chlorhydric Acid, fumes copi- ously, and precipitates a solution of silver on a glass rod curdy; this precipitate dissolves in ammonia. Nitric Acid, nearly colorless fumes, which become <i>red</i> upon addi- tion of ferrous sulphate or copper filings. Fluohydric Acid, copiously fuming corrosive gas. A glass sur-	Cyanhydric Acid, like the pre ceding, but evolves with dilute chlor- hydric acid cyanhydric acid. Ferrocyanhydric Acid, like the preceding; the soluble compound is precipitated blue by ferric salts. Ferricyanhydric Acid, like the preceding; the soluble compound is precipitated blue by ferrous salts. Chromic Acid, evolves oxygen, and the fluid becomes brown or green. Gives a green bead with phosphorus salt. Hyposulphurous Acid. Trithionic " Tetrathionic " Pentathionic " * These acids, of which only the hypo- sulphurous (triosulphuric) is of frequent occurrence, evolve with sulphuric acid, sulphurous (chi of the alkalies give he- par when heated in a glass tube.	lime salt is soluble in caustic po- tassa. Racemic Acid ; the lime salt is insoluble in ammonic chloride. Citric Acid ; gives a precipitate with excess of lime-water only on boiling. Malic Acid , is not precipitated by lime-water, either cold or warm. Lactic Acid , dissolves readily in ether. The lime salt is easily,

* If by the above methods a hydracid is found, the dry compound contains the corresponding halogen combined with a metal. In a mixture of salts other reactions often take place; thus a metallic chloride along with a nitrate develops chlorine and red vapors; along with a chromate brownish-red fumes of chlorchromic acid, etc. The chlorides of *mercury* are hardly decomposed by sulphuric acid. *Metallic sulphides* with concentrated sulphuric acid frequently develop sulphurous acid.

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TABLE XII. DETECTION OF ACIDS.

XII. Behavior of the more important Acids towards Precipitants.

A. Detection of Acids in soluble compounds.—The aqueous solution is neutral, acid, or alkaline, to be determined by test paper. If the acid is to be sought in an ammoniacal solution, or one as neutral as possible, it is often necessary to remove the heavy metallic oxides or the earths present (according to Table VI.), by which means metallic acids are found, as well as phosphoric or oxalic acid combined with alkaline earths. The quality of the base often excludes the presence of one or more acids, thus rendering search for them unnecessary; generally an acid cannot be present in a neutral or acid solution which already contains the same metallic oxide that must serve as precipitant for this acid; e. g., no sulphuric acid, detected by baryta, can be present in a soluble baryta compound; no chlorine in a silver compound, soluble in acids, etc. (For exceptions in alkaline solutions, see Table XII. below.) It is evident that in any compound such acids as have been added (for solution or neutralization) need not be sought; in all compounds where the reagent can act as precipitant through its acid (or halogen) the nitrate is used; e. g., in compounds of silver, of lead, or of mercurous oxide, baric nitrate is used (instead of baric chloride). (See continuation, Table XIII.)

Are Precipitated by Chlor- hydric or Nitric Acid :	Are Precipitated by Baric Chloride (or Baric Nitrate):	Are Precipitated	by Calcic Chloride :	Are Precipitated by Mag- nesic Sulphate (or Magnesic Chloride):
From their soluble compounds, gene- rally showing alkaline reactions.	From the solution previously acidulated with chlorhydric or nitric acid.	Only from neutral solution. The precipitate is soluble in acetic acid.	From neutral and from acetic solution. Precipitate is insoluble in acetic acid.	In the presence of ammonic chloride and free ammonia.
Silicic Acid, gelatinous; in di- lute solution only after evaporating the acid fluid; also precipitable by ammonic carbonate or chloride. Boracic Acid, crystalline, only from concentrated solutions. Colors the alcohol flame green upon addi- tion of sulphuric acid. Antimonic Acid, white, soluble in tartaric acid. Tungstic Acid, white, by boil- ing, yenow; with zinc and chlor- hydric acid, blue. Molybdic Acid, white, soluble in excess, with zinc and chlorhydric acid blue, finally brown.	ng lent; quite insoluble in water and in acids. (In the presence of too much and concentrated free acid baric chloride or baric nitrate is precipi- tated; soluble in much water.) The original compound gives hepar with sodic carbonate upon charcoal. Selenic Acid , like the preced- ing. The precipitate, when boiled with concentrated chlorhydric acid evolves chlorine, and sulphurous acid, then precipitates out of the solution red selenium. The original compound gives upon charcoal be- fore the blowpipe the characteristic selenium odor. Silicofluohydric Acid , like the preceding, not out of very dilute so- upon heating silicic fluoride and a metallic fluoride, with alkalies silica th hele er	acid without effervescence. Arsenic Acid, like phosphoric; also easily soluble in ammonic chlo- ride. The solution in chlorhydric acid is precipitable by sulphydric acid with the aid of heat. Boracic Acid, white, easily so- luble in ammonic chloride; not pre- cipitated from dilute solution. Tur- meric paper dipped in a solution in chlorhydric acid becomes brown on		talline; slowly if the solution be very dilute, soluble in all acids.
Sulphur, yellowish or white; with the evolution of SO_2 from hyposul- phites, and H_2S from metallic poly- sulphides.		Carbonic Acid, white, soluble in acids with effervescence. Sulphurous Acid, white, only from concentrated solutions; with zinc and chlorhydric acid, evolves sulphydric acid. Tartaric Acid, white, soluble in ammonic chloride and caustic po- tassa; the potassa solution of the precipitate becomes turbid by boil- ing. Citric Acid, white, but only by	Separation of Oxalic, Tartaric, Citric, and Malic Acid. Calcic chloride and lime-water are added to the alkaline reaction.	
Iodine , out of a solution of an iodide and an iodate or nitrite. Also several oxides and sulphides soluble in potassa, and cyanides or chlorides soluble in potassic cyanide.			Fluid contains as salt of lime : Citric Acid. Malic Acid.	Precipitate contains as salt of lime :
If the alkaline fluid be saturated with sulphydric acid, all the acids of <i>the</i> <i>metals</i> which form sulphides insoluble in acids, are precipitated, after			Heat to boiling. Precipitate: Calcic Citrate. Calcic Malate.	Treated with cold potassa lye. Residue. Calcie Oxalate. Filtrate. Calcie Tartrate.
acidulation, as <i>sulphides</i> . Of the <i>organic acids, benzoic, uric,</i> and <i>tartaric</i> acid (the latter as acid <i>potassa</i> salt) may be precipitated by acids from alkaline solution.		boiling the fluid supersaturated with lime-water or ammonia. Ferrocyanhydric Acid, forms slowly, soluble with difficulty in acetic acid.	by alcohol (and then to be further	Insoluble in ace- tic acid and in cupric chloride; soluble in chlor- hydric acid.

